

To whom it may concern:

Re: BellSouth's petition

I write this both as a concerned consumer and as a customer of an ILEC DSL service (SBC, since January 2000). I believe that BellSouth's claims are misleading. Specifically, if the petition is granted then:

- (1) They will be able to charge whatever fees they like to smaller ISPs, presumably higher fees, which will then be passed to the consumer.
- (2) This effective monopoly will driver customers away from these independent ISPs and to BellSouth (and, in other regions, whatever ILEC is prevalent).
- (3) The ILECs, having crushed the competition, are then open to price-fixing, gouging and other consumer-unfriendly behaviors.

I urge you to deny this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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